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25X1A MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT : Southeast Asia

25X1A I attended a meeting in [REDACTED] office this afternoon  
on Southeast Asia. Also present were Mr. Fitzgerald and Captain  
25X1A [REDACTED] from PSB. [REDACTED] did most of the talking.

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25X1A It seems that State Department insists on having terms of refer-  
ence before the committee is constituted. [REDACTED] is seeing  
to this and when the terms of reference have been approved by the  
PSB, the first meeting of the panel will be convened. [REDACTED]  
feels very strongly that the study will be more effective if the  
panel is a high-ranking one, and he suggested that it be chairmaned  
by [REDACTED]. In response to the suggestions from Messrs.  
25X1A [REDACTED] and Fitzgerald, [REDACTED] finally went away with a  
suggested panel including, in addition to [REDACTED]  
25X1A MacGruder, Admiral Johnson, William Little, Paul Nitze, with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as deputy and someone in authority from Admiral Radford's  
25X1A staff. [REDACTED] said he thought it would be impossible to  
get [REDACTED] unless, as suggested by [REDACTED], the  
terms of reference included South China and Formosa. My name was  
mentioned in passing so I assume [REDACTED] will be included in some capacity.

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25X1A [REDACTED] has returned to PSB for further instructions  
and will hope to arrange for the convening of a panel without too  
much delay.

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[REDACTED]  
Chief, Political Branch

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